

Prayers of Intercession

For Creation Time 2015

Set 1

Creator God, you have generously blessed us with an abundance of gifts in this, your world. Help us to share in that generosity by living in a way that ensures that your gifts will continue to be available for future generations.

Lord hear us.

O God, give us your love for the whole of Creation

Creator God, we rejoice that, as human beings, we have been created in your image and likeness. But we also recognise that humanity alone cannot adequately reflect you. The whole diversity of the earth is needed to give us even a glimpse of your wonder and greatness. Help us to live in a sustainable way so that this marvellous diversity is respected.

O God, give us your love for the whole of Creation

Creator God, we live in a world where some of us throw out food while others go to bed hungry; where some have modern amenities of life at their disposal and other struggle to find drinking water. May we learn to share with one another and, in this way, come to share in your generosity to all.

O God, give us your love for the whole of Creation

Creator God, the sun, the wind and the waves are your gift for the flourishing of the whole community of life on earth. Help us to use them creatively to produce sustainable energy for all.

O God, give us your love for the whole of Creation

Through scientists, engineers and scholars new knowledge comes too light; may new developments in the production of sustainable energy protect our fragile planet and promote the well-being of all peoples and all creatures on their journey to wholeness.

O God, give us your love for the whole of Creation

We pray for the United Nations, for all international, national and local leaders and for managers of companies that they may be guided by your Spirit to make wise decisions about sources of sustainable energy for all.

O God, give us your love for the whole of Creation

Creator God, You have blessed humankind with understanding, imagination and memory. Show us how to learn from past mistakes and plan for the future creatively and responsibly.

A prayer for our earth [*Laudato Si*]

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe,

And in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. **Amen**

Set 2

Creator God, you reveal yourself to us through the wonders of the natural world, our home. Help us realise how important it is to preserve this natural world so that future generations can continue to learn of Your greatness through its wonders. Help us, then, to work with others to influence our leaders to make the right and courageous decisions about our world when they meet for COP21 in Paris.

O God, hear us we pray

Give us your love for the whole of Creation

Creator God, we give thanks for this wonderful earth which we share with the whole community of life. We pray for the awareness that we cannot sustain current aspirations of infinite economic gain on a finite planet. Help us to live in such a way that we respect all life, accepting that we must reduce our demands in order to allow other forms of life to continue and flourish.

Give us your love for the whole of Creation

In our brokenness we disturb earth's capacity to hold us, so we have climate uncertainty and global injustice. Help us to make a difference today, for life tomorrow.

Give us your love for the whole of Creation

Loving God, through your creative power humanity has emerged on earth as a dominant species. May we learn to use our power wisely for the good of the whole community of life, to sustain rather than to destroy. As we walk towards COP21 in Paris, help each of us to take the small steps we can while encouraging our leaders to take the big steps.

Give us your love for the whole of Creation

God, creator of the galaxies and of the tiniest seeds, sometimes we are overwhelmed by the immensity of the task of changing the habits and practices of the world so as to counter climate change. May we remember that the tallest oak grew from a small acorn and that every small change each of us makes has its own effect, and that together all our efforts can produce the change we seek.

Give us your love for the whole of Creation

We pray for visionaries, artists and writers, that through their work we may see Creation afresh.

Give us your love for the whole of Creation

Creator Spirit. We pray that the Church will re-engage with your Creation and reaffirm our biblical, theological and spiritual traditions. Lead us to transform our lives and the Church to reflect your glory in Creation.

Give us your love for the whole of Creation

Spirit of God, You establish the dance of Creation; bring life out of death and order out of chaos. Calls us to radical action to care about the whole created world and to share resources more equitably with all life.

Give us your love for the whole of Creation

Priest/Leader

Let us pray:

Creator God, we confess that the way we are using fossil fuels and other destructive forms of energy today is destroying the forests, changing the climate, the seas, the soils, the biodiversity and the balance of life on our fragile planet, dispossessing the poor and future generations. Help us to choose life for all that is a risk- for neighbours near and far and for those that come after us. Give us the knowledge to learn what we do not know but long to understand, so that we may honour and nurture all that makes us one with you. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen